

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for increasing the organoleptic properties of a coffee flavor provided in a food or beverage, comprising the step of using ~~a sufficient amount~~ about 0.5 ppb to 0.4 ppm of an aroma-providing substance ~~comprising a straight chain C₄ - C₅ mercapto-alkanone or a mixture of two or more thereof~~, selected from the group consisting of 3-mercapto-2-butanone, 2-mercapto-3-pentanone, 3-mercapto-2-pentanone, and combinations thereof.

Claim 2 (canceled):

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the aroma-providing substance is present in an amount effective to impart a catty-sulfury, fruity, roasty, odor character to increase the freshly brewed coffee organoleptic properties of the food or beverage.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the aroma-providing substance is used in combination with a compound selected from the group consisting of 4-methoxy-2-methylbutan-2-thiol, 4-mercapto-4-methyl-2-pentanone, methional, and 4-mercapto-4-methylbutyl formate.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the one or more of the sulfur compounds is present in an amount effective to impart a fruity, blackcurrent-sulfury, odor character to increase the freshly brewed coffee organoleptic properties of the food or beverage.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for increasing the organoleptic properties of a coffee flavor provided in a food or beverage which comprises providing a food or beverage and adding thereto at least one aroma-providing substance in the food or beverage in an amount ~~suffieient~~ of about 0.5 ppb to 0.4 ppm to increase the coffee flavor thereof, the aroma-providing substance ~~comprising a straight chain C₄—C₅ mercapto alkanone or a combination of two or more thereof~~ selected from the group consisting of 3-mercapto-2-butanone, 2-mercapto-3-pentanone, 3-mercapto-2-pentanone, and combinations thereof.

Claims 7-13 (canceled):